

Minutes
Utah Asthma Task Force Meeting
April 8, 2008
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Karlee Adams, Heather Borski, Emily Carlson, Toni Carpenter, Gene Cole, James Gordon, Sabrina Mangum, Sylvia Rickard, Melissa Sevy, Charlotte Vincent, Greg Wickern, Cherissa Wood, Liz Zentner, & Jeff Zobell

Staff: Rebecca Giles, Kim Cutler Johnson, Becca Jorgensen, Ali Martin, & Amara Zafar

I. Announcements

- The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) launched the Utah Health Story Bank on March 25, 2008. We need your help spreading the word about this innovative tool, which will help capture the health stories of Utahns. The Story Bank serves as a repository of health-related stories that can be used by the UDOH, advocacy groups, local health departments, and other health care organizations to promote better health in our state. If you or someone you know has been affected by asthma, or any other chronic disease, we want to hear from you. Make a “deposit” in the Story Bank today, visit <http://health.utah.gov/bhp/sb/>.
- The Utah Asthma Program submitted the FY09 continuation grant application to the CDC. Rebecca Giles anticipates the Asthma Program will be funded at current levels.

II. Action Group Updates

The Utah Asthma Task Force is made up of individuals and organizations that are interested in helping those with asthma in the community. The task force includes four action groups: Asthma Management, Health Systems, Population Issues, and Risk Factors.

A. Asthma Management- Jeff Zobell, Chair

Jeff Zobell is the new chair of the Asthma Management Action Group, replacing Janae Duncan. We would like to thank Janae for all of her hard work. On April 18, 2008, the Asthma-friendly Pharmacy Pilot Training will take place at the Utah Pharmacist Association Conference in St. George. The 15 pharmacists participating in the pilot study and others will participate in this asthma training. The pilot program will run from May 2008 to May 2009.

B. Health Systems- Becca Jorgensen, UDOH Asthma Program

The Utah Asthma Healthcare Provider Manual has been revised to reflect the changes in the new National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Diagnosis and Management of Asthma Guidelines. Physicians are reviewing the revised manual. The doctor office survey and analysis are complete. The analysis revealed what type of asthma education nurses and medical assistants need. This action group is now working on interventions based on the survey results. To receive a copy of the survey and analysis, contact Becca at 801-538-9272 or rjorgens@utah.gov.

C. Population Issues- James Gordon, Chair

The Asthma School Advocate Resource Packet is scheduled to be completed by July 2008. The pilot program is scheduled to begin in August 2008. A draft of the packet was presented to the task force. A few members gave suggestions on how to improve the packet, and some members offered to help with the project. For a list of this action group's projects, contact Kim at 801-484-4456 or kcutler@lungutah.org.

D. Risk Factors- Steve Packham (excused), Chair (Rebecca Giles reporting)

The new Recess Guidance for Schools was released January 11, 2008. Steve Packham, Division of Air Quality, and Jenny Johnson, UDOH Asthma Program, presented the recess guidance to four school districts. School districts have since requested recess guidance for ozone. The Division of Air Quality and the Utah Asthma Program are seeking input from other state departments to develop this guidance. Recess guidance for ozone is scheduled to be released in mid-summer 2008.

III. Utah Asthma in Youth Report 2008- Amara Zafar, UDOH Asthma Program

The Utah Asthma in Youth Report documents the extent of prevalence, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits due to asthma among Utah youth. For a copy of the presentation used during the meeting, contact Ali Martin at 801-538-6441 or alimartin@utah.gov.

The report is now in the approval process and will be released to the public shortly on the Asthma Program website: www.health.utah.gov/asthma.

IV. BYU's Hispanic Asthma Survey Results- Gene Cole, BYU

BYU's Hispanic asthma survey results showed asthma is not yet perceived as a major health threat to Latino children in Utah County. The report recommends networking with a variety of Utah County health organizations to promote asthma management in the Latino community. For a copy of this presentation used during the meeting, contact Ali at 801-538-6441 or alimartin@utah.gov.

V. Asthma-friendly Pharmacy Program- Jeff Zobell & Becca Jorgensen

The Utah Asthma-friendly Pharmacy Program was developed to assist people with asthma improve their quality of life by providing resources necessary to promote wellness at participating pharmacies. The pilot program training will be April 18th and the pilot program will run for one year starting in May 2008.

The pilot program's flow chart indicates how participating patients are selected, criteria to refer patients to one of two education sessions, type of patient education sessions, how patients evaluate the education, cost to patients for services (if any), type of reinforcement education, and number of follow-up visits. For a copy of the presentation used during the meeting, contact Ali at 801-538-6441 or alimartin@utah.gov.

VI. Next Asthma Task Force Meeting

Utah Asthma Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, July 1st
7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
UDOH- Cannon Building
Rm. #125